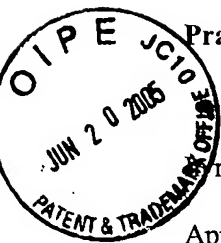


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The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

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1. ☒ Preliminary Statements
2. ☒ Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (substitute for Form PTO-1449)
3. ☐ Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications
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Section 1. Preliminary statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information, of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose.

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SECTION 2. FORMS PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)

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**LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
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	BH	US 2,771,398	11/1956	Snyder	
	BI	US 4,415,732	11/15/1983	Caruthers et al.	
	BJ	US 4,458,066	07/03/1984	Caruthers et al.	
	BK	US 4,500,707	02/19/1985	Caruthers et al.	
	BL	US 4,861,448	08/29/1989	Cantor et al.	
	BM	US 4,973,679	11/27/1990	Caruthers et al.	
	BN	US 5,153,319	10/06/1992	Caruthers et al.	
	BO	US 5,215,593	06/01/1993	Nojo et al.	
	BP	US 5,284,753	02/08/1994	Goodwin, Jr.	
	BQ	US 5,374,525	12/1994	Lalouel et al.	
	BR	US 5,445,934	08/29/1995	Fodor et al.	
	BS	US 5,510,270	04/23/1996	Fodor et al.	
	BT	US 5,599,664	02/04/1997	Schwartz	
	BU	US 5,605,662	02/25/1997	Heller et al.	
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	BX	US 5,744,101	04/28/1998	Fodor et al.	
	BY	US 5,773,238	06/30/1998	Shukla	
	BZ	US 5,795,748	08/18/1998	Cottingham	
	CA	US 5,807,522	09/15/1998	Brown et al.	
	CB	US 5,840,862	11/24/1998	Bensimon et al.	
	CC	US 5,856,100	01/05/1999	Hayashizaki	
	CD	US 5,888,723	03/30/1999	Sutton et al.	
	CE	US 5,922,604	07/13/1999	Stapleton et al.	
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	CK	US 6,060,240	05/2000	Kamb et al.	
	CL	US 6,071,702	06/2000	Yamamoto et al.	
	CM	US 6,147,198	11/14/2000	Schwartz	
	CN	US 6,309,600	10/30/2001	Hunter	
	CO	US 6,436,632	08/20/2002	Schellenberger et al.	
	CP	US 6,565,813	05/2003	Garyantes, Tina	
	CQ	US 6,713,309	03/2004	Anderson et al.	
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	CT	WO	98/45406	10/15/1998		
	CU	WO	98/47003	10/22/1998		
	CV	WO	99/11373	03/11/1999		
	CW	WO	99/19510	04/22/1999		
	CX	WO	99/34920	07/15/1999		
	CY	WO	99/47922	09/23/1999		
	CZ	WO	99/52560	10/21/1999		
	DA	WO	00/56456	09/28/2000		
	DB	WO	02/87764	11/07/2002		
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	DF	Wittwer et al.	"The Light Cycler: A Microvolume Multisample Fluorimeter with Rapid Temperature Control", pp. 176-181, BioTechniques, January 1997.
	DG		"Current Protocols in Molecular Biology", Vol. 1, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1995.
	DH		"Mapping Genomes", Vol. 4, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 1999.
	DI	Erfle et al.	"Simultaneous loading of 200 sample lanes for DNA sequencing on vertical and horizontal, standard and ultrathin gels", Vol. 25, No. 11, pp. 2229-2230, Oxford University Press, 1997.
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	DL	Singh-Gasson et al.	" <i>Maskless fabrication of light-directed oligonucleotide microarrays using a digital micromirror array</i> " Vol. 17, pp. 974-978, Nature Biotechnology, October 1999.
	DM	Vogelstein et al.	" <i>Digital PCR</i> " Vol. 96, pp. 9236-9241, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci USA, August 1999.
	DN	Smith et al.	" <i>Dynamical Scaling of DNA Diffusion Coefficients</i> ", Vol. 29, pp. 1372-1373, Macromolecules, 1996.
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	DP	Wittwer et al.	" <i>Continuous Fluorescence Monitoring of Rapid Cycle DNA Amplification</i> ", Vol. 22, pp. 130-138, BioTechniques, January 1997.
	DQ		" <i>Oligonucleotide synthesis: A Practical Approach</i> ," IRL Press.
	DR		" <i>Oligonucleotides and Analogues: A Practical Approach</i> ", Oxford University Press, 1991.
	DS	Maniatis et al.	" <i>Molecular Cloning</i> ", Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, 1982.

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Section 6. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. section 1.98(a)(2) requires that any information disclosure statement filed under section 1.97 shall include: "A legible copy of: (i) Each U.S. and foreign patent; (ii) Each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) All other information or that portion which caused it to be listed, except that no copy of a U.S. patent application need be included . . ."

NOTE: The wording in section 1.98(a)(2)(iii) makes it clear that the requirement to submit a copy of each item of information listed in an information disclosure statement does not apply to the citation of a U.S. patent application. Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25, at 14.

Legible copies of all items listed in Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (substitute for Form PTO-1449) accompany this information statement.

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☐ Cumulative patents or publications identified in Section 5.

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Section 10. Identification of Person(s) Making This Information Disclosure Statement

The person making this certification is

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- (a) ☐ the inventor(s) who signs below

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- (b) ☐ an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. section 1.56(c))

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